

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF
MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 19, 2016

Present: Richard Phelps, MSW, LICSW, Dayl Hufford, D.Min, LPP, Diane Vaccarello, MS, LMFT, Jane Power Kilcoyne, Ed.D, Public Member and Kathleen Skinner Shulman, Ed.D., Public Member.

Not present: H. Alan Goodman, Ph.D., LCMHC

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Richard Phelps, LICSW, Board Chair

Draft minutes of the January 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Kathleen Skinner Shulman and seconded by Diane Vaccarello to approve the minutes as recorded.

Vote: For: RP, JPK, DV, KSS, DH

Opposed: 0

Recused:

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Douglas, Linda, NH Coalition against domestic and sexual violence – The Board reviewed a letter from Ms. Douglas requesting clarification as to whether or not mental health practitioners licensed with the Board of Mental Health Practice need to abide by NH RSA 330-A:35 Civil Liability; Duty to Warn when volunteering direct services. Motion was made by Kathleen Skinner Shulman and seconded by Jane Power Kilcoyne to inform Ms. Douglas that the answer is “yes.” When volunteering services mental health practitioners licensed with this Board are still acting as licensees.

Vote: For: RP, JPK, DV, KSS, DH

Opposed: 0

Recused: 0

- B. McAree, Gary – The Board reviewed an email from Mr. McAree asking whether or not the Board has licensed anyone from Springfield College since June 19, 2015. Motion was made by Diane Vaccarello and seconded by Jane Power Kilcoyne to notify Mr. McAree that the Board does not have this information available and suggests that he contact Springfield College to see if they can provide this information for him. The Board also recommends that he review

NH Administrative Rule Mhp 305.01 (a)(b) and Mhp 305.02 regarding the educational requirements needed for LCMHC.

Vote: For: RP, JPK, DV, KSS, DH
Opposed: 0
Recused: 0

- C. McCoy, Scott, Esq. – Attorney McCoy sent an email to the Board asking it to support HB 1661 relative to conversion therapy. Motion was made by Jane Power Kilcoyne and seconded by Kathleen Skinner Shulman to notify Attorney McCoy that the Board cannot take a position on this bill because it is not within the scope of the Board's responsibilities. The letter to Mr. McCoy will also suggest that this may be something that he wants to present to the professional associations.

Vote: For: RP, JPK, DV, KSS, DH
Opposed: 0
Recused: 0

II. RULES

- A. Mhp 302.01 (a)(b)(k)(q) – The Board reviewed a Preliminary Objection Response to Final Proposal 2015-139. Motion was made by Jane Power Kilcoyne and seconded by Diane Vaccarello to approve the Preliminary Objection Response.

Vote: For: RP, JPK, DV, KSS, DH
Opposed: 0
Recused:

- B. Mhp 101.01 & Mhp 103.01 – The Board reviewed Mhp 101.01 and Mhp 103.01. Motion was made by Jane Power Kilcoyne and seconded by Dayl Hufford to adopt the above-referenced rules.

Vote: For: RP, JPK, DV, KSS, DH
Opposed: 0
Recused: 0

Upon the motion of Jane Power Kilcoyne and seconded by Kathleen Skinner Shulman, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing applications, investigations of alleged misconduct of licensees, final disciplinary action and other adjudicatory decisions, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 N.H. 574 (1978), RSA 330-A:29, V, and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

[Non-public minutes held separately]

Upon the motion of Jane Power Kilcoyne and the second of Kathleen Skinner Shulman, the Board by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session, with the exception of approved applications, responses to motions and disciplinary actions until they are served from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

I. APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR LICENSURE

- A. Approved mental health counselors: Sandra DeCosta, Janice Hirsch, Daniel Martin, Emily Musty, Kimberly Staples, James Stoddard, Janet Thompson and Julia Twaddle
- B. Approved clinical social workers: Leah Abrahamson, Sara Fenton, Casey McFarland, Lynn Meehan and Jody Vourgarakis.
- C. Approved marriage & family therapists – Katherine Allan, Amber Blesedell, Jennifer Cochrane, Molly Richter and Georgiana Roscigno.
- D. Approved pastoral psychotherapists – no applications for review this month

II. APPROVED CANDIDATE FOR LICENSURE: SUPERVISORY AGREEMENTS

- A. Mental Health Counselors: William Alkins, Carmen Bertran, Julie Doyle, Jessica Fritz, Patricia Hiscue, Angela Isaia, Charlotte Johnson, Mari Lallier, Debra Lamalfa, Joanne Luquette, Thisvi McCormack, Sandra Marmar, Theresa Miele, Ashley Monmaney, Lindsay Richardson, Arianna Rothchild, Roxanne Weddle and Jasmine Weeden.
- B. Social Workers: Erika Avery and Margaret Gaskell.
- C. Marriage & Family Therapists: Jeff Hawkins, Nikki Hipps and Paula Jones.
- D. Pastoral Psychotherapists: no agreements for review

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2016